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## Great Monroe City Fair Aug. 7, 8, 9, 10.

### WILSON and MARSHALL

Nominated by the Democrats for President  
and Vice-President A Strong  
Ticket, and Will Win

The great National Democratic Convention which convened at Baltimore June 25th came to a close late Tuesday evening July 2nd after having been in session 8 days. After one of the most exciting sessions in the history of the party Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New York was nominated for President on the 46th ballot and Gov. Thomas B. Marshall of Indiana was nominated for Vice President.

The principal candidates before the convention for first honors were Gov. Wilson and Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri. Hon. Oscar W. Underwood also had a good following but interest centered on the two leading candidates and at times during the long session partisans of the contestants were wrought up to a high pitch and in a few instances personalities were indulged in from the platform.

Mr. Clark received on the first ballot 440 1-2 votes, the largest number cast for any candidate and continued to gain until he had received more than a majority of all the votes in the convention but after a time he began to lose steadily to Mr. Wilson and finally on the 46th ballot the vote stood Clark 84; Wilson 990; Harmon 12.

Only two ballots were taken for Vice President which resulted in nomination of Gov. Marshall of Indiana.

The ticket is an exceptionally strong one. Though Missouri is a little disappointed over the failure of her favorite son to land the nomination the party will get into the harness and make a valiant fight for victory in November.

Now that the National Democratic ticket is named we should go to work for a sweeping Democratic victory both in state and nation.

#### Random Furrows By Rambo

You cannot walk a wobbly path straight into heaven.

When a girl is pretty in calico she is charming in silk.

The visits of some folks remind you of March winds.

Who has no sentiment in his heart hasn't much else of value.

Say something good about your neighbor, but let it not be a lie.

Keep your courage up, but don't launch it in an airship.

Don't return a courtesy, but keep it, and pay for it with another.

Home is next door to heaven, or as some make it, to the other place.

Work is an act of worship, if done with understanding, and in the proper spirit.

Anybody can build a castle in the air, but most people get them out of proportion.

There is some compensation for

toil in the toil itself and happy is he who finds it.

We seldom grow laurels for home consumption; we just put them on the heads of strangers.

A dish of strawberries, snowed under with powdered sugar, and flooded with cream; ah, that is a dream! — Star Farmer.

#### Rebekahs Picnic.

Friday forty-one members of Monroe Rebekah Lodge went to Marshall Ford on Salt River for a picnic. Did they have a good time? You are not a member of Monroe Rebekah Lodge or you would not ask such a question. These people always have a good time. While the fish would not bite as freely as might have been desired the party did not go hungry as the ladies had prepared for just such an emergency and took along plenty and to spare of good things to eat. The day was so pleasantly spent that it was the verdict of all that the affair be at least an annual one and next time there will be a larger attendance.

#### Special Road District.

A petition for a special road district has been filed in the Marion County Court, comprising a territory lying in Marion County and immediately adjoining the City of Monroe on the north. The proposed district extends north to Warren a distance of 8 miles. Its greatest width is 7 miles and its least width which is at the south or Monroe City end is 1 1-2 miles. The district is composed of about 26,000 acres and according to law a majority of the acres must be petitioned by the owners that is the petitioners must own at least a majority of the acres included in the proposed district. In this case about 15,000 acres are represented by the petitioners and it is stated by the promoters at least 20,000 acres can be obtained.

It is expected that the court will take action on the petition Aug. 5 and if favorable the court will appoint three commissioners to act until three commissioners can be elected in January next to take charge of the business of the new district.

Dr. Joseph Hardy and family who have been visiting their old home just over in Ralls county near this city returned to their home in St. Louis, Monday.

Mrs. Roy Buell entertained Tuesday in honor of Miss Virginia Lewis of Canton.

Sebastian Pike is the guest of relatives in this vicinity.

Miss Lucy Gentry was a Hannibal visitor Monday.

#### Democrats' Longest Deadlock Since 1852.

The deadlock in the Baltimore convention already is the longest in that party since the convention of 1852, which nominated Pierce on the forty-ninth ballot.

The longest deadlock in a republican convention was at Chicago in 1880 when Garfield was nominated on the thirty-sixth ballot.

#### Democratic Conventions.

The following table shows the democratic nominee since 1832 and the number of the ballot on which each was nominated:

Year	Nominee	No. of Ballot
1832	Jackson	First
1844	Polk	Ninth
1848	Cass	Fourth
1852	Pierce	Forty-ninth
1856	Buchanan	Seventeenth
1860	Douglas	Second
1864	McClellan	First
1868	Seymour	Twenty-second
1872	Greley	First
1876	Tilden	Second
1880	Hancock	Second
1884	Cleveland	Second
1888	Cleveland	By acclamation
1892	Cleveland	First
1896	Bryan	Fifth
1900	Bryan	By acclamation
1904	Parker	Parker
1908	Bryan	First

#### Republican Conventions.

The following table shows the republican nominee since 1856 and the number of the ballot on which each was nominated:

Year	Nominee	No. of Ballot
1856	Freemont	First
1860	Lincoln	Third
1864	Lincoln	No opposition
1868	Grant	Unanimous
1872	Grant	Unanimous
1876	Hayes	Seventh
1880	Garfield	Thirty-sixth
1884	Blaine	Fourth
1888	Harrison	Eighth
1892	Harrison	First
1896	McKinley	First
1900	McKinley	By acclamation
1904	Roosevelt	By acclamation
1908	Taft	First
1912	Taft	First

— Courier-Post.

#### Monroe City Fair.

August 7, 8, 9 and 10 are the days when the Big Monroe City Fair will be on. The association is making arrangements for four big days. Entries of horses from many states are being made and those who attend will be well pleased with the races. Then the farm products, the poultry department and the fancy work department will be worth going miles to see. The grounds are being put in shape to accommodate the large crowd. Tell your friends that they should arrange to attend the Monroe City Fair, Aug. 7, 8, 9 and 10.

#### STATE HIGHWAY.

Hannibal St. Joseph Cross-State Highway Located - Passes Through Monroe City—Some Conditions.

Curtis Hill, State Highway Engineer, has located the Cross State Highway from Hannibal to St. Joseph, and because the citizens along this route give equal assurance that they will improve it. This location made on condition that by October 1, 1912, a reasonable rate of progress be made upon the earth road and good culverts be built; otherwise the selection is to be withdrawn for some other route.

"Beginning at Hannibal I recommend the Paris Road out of Hannibal thence through Rensselaer and Huntington to Monroe because it is the most direct between the two objective points, Hannibal and Monroe, and because the citizens along this route give equal assurance that they will improve it. This location made on condition that by October 1, 1912, a reasonable rate of progress be made upon the earth road and good culverts be built; otherwise the selection is to be withdrawn for some other route.

The three contesting roads between Monroe and Hunnewell well may be designated as North, Central and South. We have assurances that any one of these will be immediately made a good earth road. The Central is naturally the best road and has the advantage of the present old gravel roadbed, three miles, which is worth \$2000 and is one-half mile shorter distance than the North and one mile shorter than the South. But it is a county line road and it is my observation that the county line roads do not receive the attention from the counties nor citizens which other roads do. It is more difficult to provide means with which to build and to maintain them. This is illustrated in the present bad condition of the three miles of gravel on this road.

The North road is more convenient to road gravel than either of the others but for three miles nearly half the distance, has the disadvantage of being a county line road.

The South route gives a better guarantee for construction and with the exception of one-half mile has the advantage of being within one county and the Monroe special road district which insures better maintenance. Believing therefore that the south road gives the best assurances for construction and maintenance I suggest its selection. This road passes down the main business street of Monroe, leaves it at the southwest corner, thence west 6 3-4 miles, thence 1 1-2 miles north to Hunnewell. Owing to the evenly balanced condition of the three routes this recommendation is made with the belief that the citizens along said road will respond to the obligations placed upon them.

From Clarence to Macon, Callao to New Cambria and New Cambria to Bucklin I recommend the North road in each instance because of better drainage. The North road between New Cambria and Bucklin will serve many more people and there is a better local interest than on the South side of the railroad which insures better maintenance. This also places the road North of the Burlington Railroad entirely across Macon County thus eliminating railroad crossings.

The next contest is between Wheeling and Chillicothe. These two roads are equally distant between the objective points, one is about as good as the other and an

equal interest is shown. The conditions being so evenly balanced both roads are therefore recommended upon the condition that it be finally given to the one making the best rate of progress in improvement by May 1, 1913."

Mr. Hills report further designates the road to St. Joseph, but that is of no particular interest to us so is omitted. Mr. Hill suggests workers for the road and that a permanent organization be effected.

The road as designated and located must be built and approved by the Executive Committee or it may be abandoned and another route selected through the community that does not get its road up to the standard.

#### Rebekahs Install Officers.

Tuesday evening the officers of Monroe City Rebekah Lodge were installed by Dr. Emma Cain, D D P., of Hannibal, as follows:

Miss Lena Wunch, N. G.  
Mrs. Susie Watts, V. G.  
Miss Mabel Leininger, War.  
Miss May Johnson, Con.  
Miss Fannie Jayne, Chap.  
C. L. Carpenter, R. S. N. G.  
Mrs. W. J. Rouse, L. S. N. G.  
Miss Beulah Jackson, R. S. V. G.  
Miss Stella Lawson, L. S. V. G.  
Miss Delia Smith, I. G.  
Miss Ina McNamara, O. G.

These officers are enthusiastic workers in the cause of Odd Fellowship and are capable of doing their part toward making the term one of the best in the history of the Lodge and then they are backed up by an enthusiastic working membership.

Mrs. J. O. Cozad, the retiring N. G., proved to be the right person in the right place and her good work for the order will long continue to be of practical value to the Lodge.

At the meeting Tuesday evening Miss Bertha Dierks was elected Captain of the Degree staff and the work of organization and practice for Degree work will commence at once.

#### The 4th of July.

Today is the 136th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. It does not follow that the States have enjoyed absolute independence for 136 years. This independence was only gained after a long and bloody struggle against vast odds and the patriots experienced many gloomy days in their struggle for liberty. After the oppressor had been driven from the land and older nations acknowledged our independence it was very natural that a day should be set aside to celebrate the birth of the new government. It has been suggested that the correct day to celebrate should be the battle that determined the independence of the colonies but it is just as well and perhaps just as appropriate to celebrate the day when the struggling colonies formed a union and pledged their lives and property to the cause of liberty. Wonder how many realize just why it is so appropriate to celebrate the great event. In celebrating we should do so with judgment and decency and not let our enthusiasm get the better of our judgment, and above all let us keep sober and let cannon fire crackers and dynamite alone.

Let us have a sensible 4th as well as a sane 4th.

The Misses Fannie and Lela Jayne are guests of friends at Palmyra.